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## BANK LOAN CASE.

### DEFENCE STRESS CHANGE OF FRONT.

#### TWO TRANSACTIONS.

With his knowledge that Lammert's liquidation would not return 100% refund, Mr. Birkett would not have concerned himself with the Lammert bankruptcy had he known at that time that he had recourse with a perfectly solvent firm, the Man Chuen Bank, said Mr. F. C. Jenkin addressing his Lordship in the Supreme Court this morning, when the Bank Loan Case was resumed.

The documents all evidenced, he said, that there was no question of Lammert's being other than principals until the week ending November 6th-9th.

Chan Wing-fook, Messrs. G. P. and H. A. Lammert's authorised "clerk," had been previously cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin with particular reference to interviews which occurred between him and the defendant bank's manager, Mr. Tsang, after the July Settlement on the Stock Exchange, at which it was suggested that the question of Lammert's cross-indebtedness to the Man Chuen Bank was discussed.

Mr. Jenkin:—I put it to you, Mr. Chan Wing-fook, that Mr. Tsang said, in effect, that if the Bank had to pay up Lammert's loan, an arrangement would have to be made for the payment of Lammert's debt to the Man Chuen Bank; that the whole thing could be settled once and for all if that arrangement was made?—I could not remember.

COULD NOT REMEMBER.  
If Mr. Tsang goes into the witness box and he says that he did have such a conversation with you, are you prepared to say that it was false?—Well, I am not prepared to say it was false. I could not remember.

In reply to other questions, witness said that he did not tell Tsang that the matter would be settled up at any time, nor did he raise the question of this cross-indebtedness of Lammert's to the Bank at an interview in Lammert's office on the 6th October. He could not remember whether it was Mr. George P. Lammert or somebody else who signed the delivery order giving the custody of the shares on which the loan was secured.

#### THE DEFENCE OPENS.

In opening the case for the defendants, Mr. Jenkin referred to the events on June 5th and 6th when the negotiations for the loan were put through, saying that in the facts disclosed he found a corroboration of his case that the Man Chuen Bank at no time during these two days came into contact with Messrs. Moxon and Taylor or were aware that it was borrowing the money from them, the Bank having in view Lammert's cross-indebtedness to them to an extent exceeding the amount which now formed the subject of the action. This cross-indebtedness did not then fall due, but when it did, on July 28th, the question was raised of the setting off of this debt.

On September 9th, Messrs. Lammert filed a petition in bankruptcy and a receiving order was made on the 12th. At subsequent interviews in the Official Receiver's office, the question of the Man Chuen's indebtedness was again raised, and with it Lammert's cross-indebtedness to the Bank. Counsel referred to the letter of admission of the debt signed by the Bank in Lammert's office, and then went on to speak on a development which he termed as being an "entirely new phase" in the case.

By this counsel meant that on the 13th September, a letter was received by the Bank from Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, solicitors. (Continued on Page 4.)

## POWERS' ULTIMATUM TO CHINA.

### THREE DAYS' TIME-LIMIT GIVEN.

#### TAKU INCIDENT SEQUEL.

Peking, March 15.  
According to information from the Legations, the Protocol Powers have instructed their naval commanders, at Tientsin to notify the Taku port authorities that unless within three days the mines are removed from the channel and interference with foreign shipping ceases, they will reserve the right to take the necessary action themselves.

Stern action was originally proposed, but there was some divergence of opinion between the Legations, the British being of opinion that a lenient policy was advisable unless foreign lives were actually threatened. —Reuter.

#### QUESTIONS IN COMMONS.

London, March 15.  
In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. Locker Lampson outlined the situation arising out of the Chinese nationalist commander of the forts at Taku closing the Tientsin River, and said that the full effect had not yet been given to the demands of Protocol Powers. The Government was consulting His Majesty's Minister with regard to the situation. —Reuter.

#### MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.

Tientsin, March 16.

With reference to the notice served on the rival factions at Taku, it is now stated that should this be carried out, it will not be accompanied by threats of forcible measures in the event of non-compliance, as the serving of the notice was not unanimously agreed to by the Home Governments.

H. M. S. Foxglove is still at Tientsin, whilst the Carlisle arrived at Taku yesterday afternoon.

A Manila message states that the destroyers McCormick, Bulmer, Edsall and Simpson left for Shanghai en route to Taku yesterday, and the Parrot and McLeish to-day.

Reuter's Hankow correspondent states that the capitulation of Sanyangchow seems finally accomplished. Hostilities on all fronts in Honan have concluded. —Reuter.

## ARMS SEIZED.

### SENTENCE OF FOUR YEARS.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major Wilson, who sat together at the Central Police Court this morning, two Chinese were charged, one with possession of 100 rounds of ammunition, and the other with two revolvers. The defendants were arrested at the Hunghom ferry wharf, on the Hongkong side.

The second defendant said the first defendant asked him to carry a basket to a house at West Point, and he did not know it contained arms. When the first defendant admitted this, the charge was uncontroverted, the first defendant being called upon to answer both charges.

Defendant said he brought the arms to the Colony to sell. He was sent to prison for four years, while the second defendant was discharged. The arms were confiscated.

## CANTON "REDS."

### COMMENT ON STRAITS ACTIVITY.

#### OFFICIAL SILENCE.

The statement of Mr. Amery in the House of Commons that the tailors' strike in Singapore was economic has (says the Telegraph correspondent) been received here with incredulity. It may be recalled that some time ago the master tailors of Singapore, who had had recurrent trouble with their men for several months, presented a petition to the Governor in which they prayed that certain agitators who had engineered the strike should be deported. They gave the names of these men, the address of a house at which a meeting was held under their auspices, and the lines on which that meeting was conducted. They also stated that these agitators had come from Canton, and were attempting to create an organisation to stir up industrial trouble. Presumably, these were matters of common knowledge within the clothing trade, but the information supplied to the Colonial Office was that the master tailors had produced no evidence in support of their allegations, and no deportations had consequently been effected.

The view, which has been strongly expressed in the Colony's newspapers, is that the finding of the evidence required to kick these agitators from Canton out of the country was a job for the Political Intelligence Department, the Chinese Protectorate and the Detective Department; all of whom have secret agents at work in the city. Obviously the master tailors, who are a reasonable body of citizens, and who evidently had legal advice, would not have taken the drastic step of appealing direct to Sir Laurence Guillemard (having failed to get any satisfaction from the Government departments concerned) if they were not sure of their case, nor would they have included in so formal a document—which they knew would obtain wide publicity—statements which they did not believe to be true. What evidence the Government expected the master tailors to produce, is not known. They apparently thought the petitioners would take the Director of Political Intelligence by the hand and lead him to an office in Raffles Square with a brass plate entitled "Headquarters of Canton Reds" outside. At all events the employers have been told in effect that their petition was a lot of nonsense which they could not prove, and if similar trouble occurs in any other local trade, the Government is not likely to receive assistance again from the persons affected.

#### COMMUNISTS IN MALAYA.

There can be very little doubt that ulterior influences were at the back of this particular strike, although other minor strikes that have occurred subsequently have admittedly been purely economic. Not only did the tailors, who are a notoriously rough class, ask for increases which amounted in some cases to a hundred per cent. above the previous rates, but they had the impudence to demand the dissolution of the Master Tailors' Association, and those facts, coupled with the refusal of the men's leaders to come out in the open and negotiate with the employees' representatives, indicated clearly enough that the strike was not being directed by the men themselves.

Another significant feature was the apparent ability of the men to prolong the strike indefinitely. It is true that the imminence of the Christmas rush partly explained (Continued on Page 9.)

## DISARMING OF CANTON PICKETS.

### BOYCOTT UNION, NOT AFFECTED.

#### A RECENT ORDER.

A movement is on foot in Canton for the abolition of the armed picket system, excepting in regard to the Hongkong and Canton Strike Union.

It appears that armed conflicts between rival Labour Unions have become so frequent of late that the Police Department has made representatives to the Government on the subject, urging that these outbreaks threaten the peace and order of the city. Accordingly, the police officials advise that, with the exception mentioned, the armed picket system be abolished and that all arms issued to pickets by the Government be taken back.

It is stated that the matter has already come under the consideration of the Government.

## TERRIBLE DISASTER.

### 248 Killed in Railway Smash.

New York, March 15.  
The casualty roll in the railway disaster near San Jose, Costa Rica, is now stated to be 248 killed, and 93 injured. Three railway coaches were demolished, one of which fell into the river from a bridge while others hung from a 120 feet precipice.

There were one thousand people aboard the train, the object of the excursion was to raise funds for a charitable purpose.

Three days' public mourning have been ordered. —Reuter.

Costa Rica is the most southerly of the Republics of Central America, occupying the entire breadth from sea to sea between Nicaragua and Colombia and having an area of over 21,000 miles. Its history has been chequered by frequent revolutions. Independence was declared in 1821. San Jose, near which the disaster took place, is the capital of the Republic.

ion of the Committee of Provincial Affairs, which has approved the recommendation, ordering the Bureau of Labour to take note of the police proposal and to transmit the Committee's orders for the disarming of members of the Unions, reporting to the Government when the instruction has been carried out.

## BURGLARS BUSY.

### BRUNSWICK STUDIO THEFTS.

Several robberies are reported as having occurred yesterday.

Miss O. Carvalho has reported to the police that a phonograph and records, valued at \$350, have been stolen by burglars from the Brunswick Studio, 17 Ice House Street.

A basket containing clothing, money, and jewellery, has been taken from the cubicle of an amah, residing on the first floor of 89, Caine Road. The value of the goods is \$107.50.

A shopkeeper, residing at 115, Bonham Strand, entrusted his accounts with the sum of \$763 to pay to another shop. The accountant has not paid the money and is reported to have absconded.

## BIG FRENCH FIRE.

### MANY FIREMEN INJURED.

Lille, March 15.  
A serious fire at the Tourcoing warehouses has destroyed enormous stocks of wool and cotton, the damage being estimated at five million francs. Two firemen were killed and 15 injured by the collapse of a roof. —Reuter.

## GOLD FIND.

### BIG VEIN DISCOVERED AT BENGUET.

#### FUTURE HOPES.

Approximately 200 feet below the lowest level of the present workings of the Benguet Consolidated mine near Baguio, P.I., a strike of gold ore has been made, promising to give the mining company a new lease of life. A diamond drill hole was sunk from the bottom of the mine and rich ore found at a depth of 170 feet. The level at the bottom of the mine is 600 feet, making the depth of the new strike approximately 800 feet under the surface.

The rich ore was struck February 24. The drill hole which goes down at an angle of 50 degrees passed through twelve feet of ore which is indicative of a thickness of eight assuming the vein is vertical, as it is considered most likely to be.

#### Continue Drilling.

The exact significance of the find cannot be determined until the results of this drilling have been verified by other drilling. The announcement of the strike was clothed in conservative terms as those connected with the mine wish to avoid the possibility of over-optimism. Other holes will be put down without delay.

If the strike proves to be anything like as important as it might appear now developments looking to prompt mining of the ore will be carried on immediately. Within two months it is thought the company will know just what the value of the new strike is. Until its significance is determined the company officials decline to make any estimates of what they really have. The present equipment of the mine is sufficient to handle large quantities of ore and if large deposits are found here the shaft only will have to be sunk deeper to open it.

The head offices of the Benguet company are in Manila and most of the stock is owned here.

The Benguet company is the largest gold mining company in the Philippines. The company started operations in a small way in 1915 and gradually extended its activities until 1922 when a considerable enlargement was made. In 1922 the capacity of the plant was brought up to 300 tons of ore a day. Last year the company produced three per cent. of all the gold produced under the American flag. The production for the year amounted to approximately P3,000,000.

#### Shutdown Averted.

The company has faced a possible shutdown because the supply of ore was running out. It was thought the available ore would be worked out this year. The dwindling of the ore in sight was responsible for the hunt which led to the most recent strike.

Two other companies both smaller than the Benguet have been developing actively for about a year with very favourable results. Their properties are about four miles from the Benguet plant. Both the companies are driving several tunnels and have found ore of high quality in what appears to be paying quantities. These companies are the Itogon Mining Company and the Balatoc Mining Company. Both belong principally to Manila business men. The Itogon Company is preparing for the erection of a mill now. —Manila Bulletin.

## LEAGUE APPEAL TO BRAZIL.

### SITUATION NOW MORE HOPEFUL.

#### LATEST PROPOSAL.

Geneva, March 15.  
An informal meeting of the Council concluded without any solution being found. The Council is re-meeting this afternoon. Sir Austin Chamberlain, after the Council said the situation was more hopeful. —Reuter.

#### A DIRECT APPEAL TO RIO.

Later.  
Owing to Brazil's unwavering determination to veto any proposal that Germany become a permanent member of the League Council unless Brazil is given a permanent seat, it is understood that the Council of the League is jointly telegraphically appealing to Rio Janeiro. —Reuter.

#### HOPES AGAIN REVIVED.

Rugby, March 15.  
Prospects of agreement being achieved were again revived in Geneva to-day.

There was, this morning a further private meeting of the League Council, at which fresh suggestions were considered for overcoming the difficulties with which that body is faced. In view of the revived hopes of finding a solution, the meeting of League Assembly, convened for to-morrow, was postponed until Wednesday, so that a little more time might be given to search for agreement.

On leaving the Council meeting, Sir Austin Chamberlain said he thought the situation was more hopeful.

It is understood that the latest proposal is based upon a rearrangement of the temporary seats in the Council and avoids the creation during the present League Session of any fresh seats, either temporary or permanent, other than that to be given to Germany. It is reported that among the nations at present on the Council opposition to the proposal is confined to Brazil, but earnest hopes are being expressed among the other delegations that she will be persuaded to depart from this isolation, and will finally assist in a solution which, if not idealistic, is at least acceptable to the other Council delegates. —British Wireless.

#### M. BONCOUR'S OPTIMISM.

Geneva, March 15.  
The League Assembly will meet on Wednesday and not to-morrow in order to give time to settle the crisis in connection with Germany's entry, in which connection M. Paul Boncour, interviewed by Reuter, opined "All will go well." The League Council is expected to meet again on Thursday. —Reuter.

## STRIKE AVERTED.

### SHANGHAI POSTAL WORKERS' DECISION.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, March 16.

The threatened postal strike has been averted, the workers agreeing to defer action until the 25th instant.

The eight-hour-day demand has been granted, subject to Peking's approval.

## EUROPEAN SUMMONED.

### TRAFFIC PROSECUTIONS.

Among traffic prosecutions dealt with by Major Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning, was one in which Mr. A. J. Wheelson, of the Public Works Department, was summoned for driving a car without a driver's licence. He was fined \$5.

Armed Nemazee was charged with driving a car without a licence, and with dangerous driving. He was fined \$5 on the first charge, and \$10 on the second.

## PAKHOI EVENTS.

### NOW CUT OFF FROM HONGKONG.

#### TRADE DEAD.

Anti-British and anti-Christian feeling is growing in Pakhoi, according to the Telegraph correspondent there, whilst steamer communication with Hongkong has been finally cut off. Writing under date of the 8th instant, our correspondent says:

On March 1st, the s.s. Hanoi came here from Hongkong with mails and passengers, but since she had come from a British port no cargo of any description was worked. At Kwong Chaw Wan she took on about 60 Chinese passengers for Haiphong, being mostly women, wives and relatives of the officers of Tang Poon-yan, who ruled these Southern districts before the coming of the Canton Army. The military here had got word somehow that these people were passing through and went aboard the Hanoi to arrest Tang Poon-yan's wife, who was reported to be one of the sixty, but, being unable to find her, they decide to arrest the entire sixty and take them ashore. They succeeded in arresting 31 and would have taken all had the captain of the ship not given orders to leave for Haiphong. The 31 arrested were brought ashore and taken to the police station, searched and examined, but not finding the wife of General Tang, the police released them. On the night of the 3rd inst., most of them continued their journey to Haiphong by junk.

With the departure of the s.s. Hanoi, direct steamer connection with Hongkong comes to an end. It is reported she will call here no more because of the tightening of the boycott rules. It is reported that the local Government informed the agents here that she would not be allowed to come in port again if coming from or going to Hongkong. At present there are only three steamers calling here, all French, and only one of these has passenger accommodation. They all run direct to Canton from Haiphong via Pakhoi. Haiphong, Wongpao, but they carry very little cargo.

#### A DEAD PORT.

Since the coming of the Canton Army and the pickets, the trade of the port is dead. The imports are only about 15 per cent. of former times. Customs receipts are reported to be only one per cent. of the amount collected before the coming of the pickets. Your correspondent has interviewed many of the merchants in town and all say that there is no hope under the present conditions. Some of the shops have only a fraction of the goods usually stocked. To import or export via Canton is both troublesome and expensive, they say, and runs the prices up so high as to be prohibitive.

The military some time ago took charge of all kerosene oil in the port, handling it as a monopoly, and fixed a selling price. Prices jumped from \$8.60 to \$11.20 per case in one day. We have paid as much as \$16 per case recently. We used to pay around \$5. Since the coming of the Canton people they have imposed a heavy surtax on kerosene oil and the oil companies refuse to ship further orders here. The prices will probably soar still higher. Small quantities of Russian oil are finding their way here, but is of an inferior grade.

#### ATTACKS ON CHRISTIANITY.

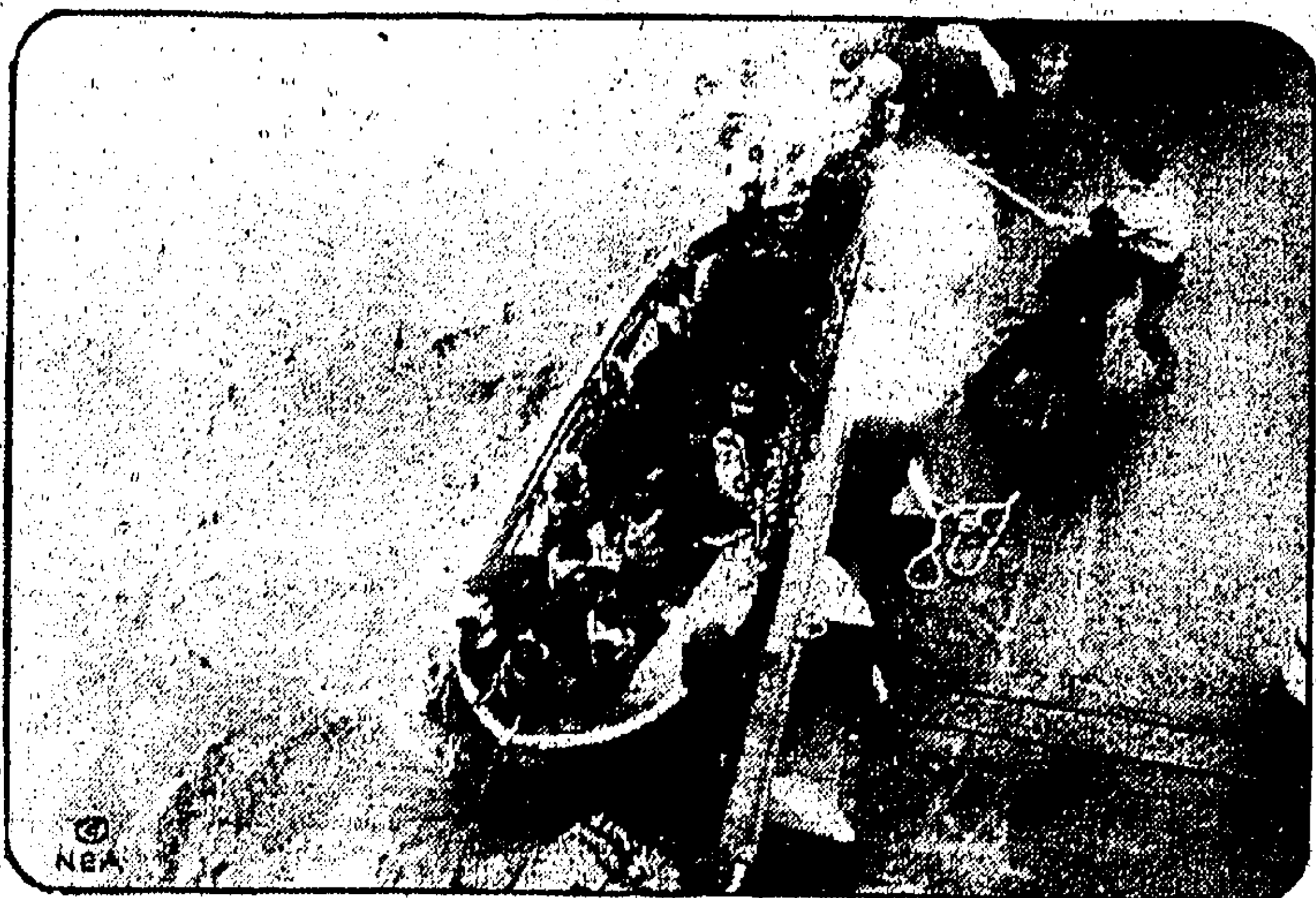
The missions here are carrying on much as usual, but under greater difficulties. A large poster in town advised the people to have nothing to do with the foreign missionaries, saying that they were all agents and spies of their respective governments. (Continued on Page 16.)



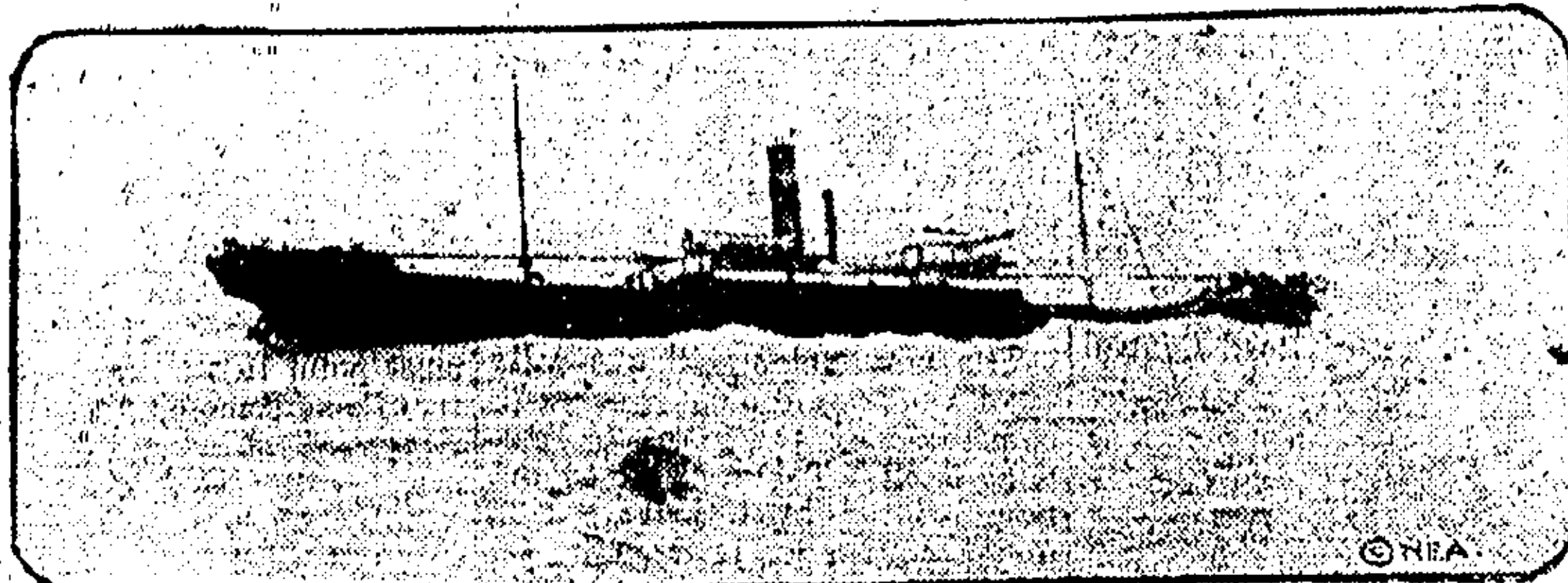




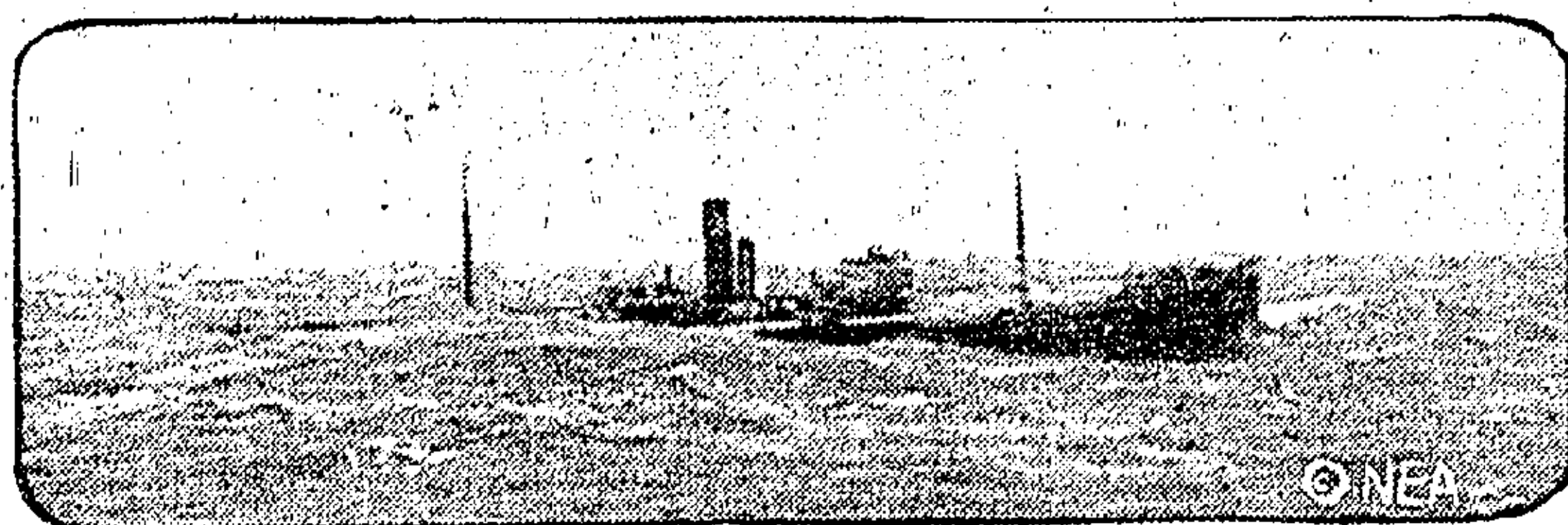
## An Epic of the Sea.



Twenty-seven imperiled sailors of the sinking Dutch freighter s.s. Alkaid climb to safety aboard the rescue ship s.s. Westphalia.

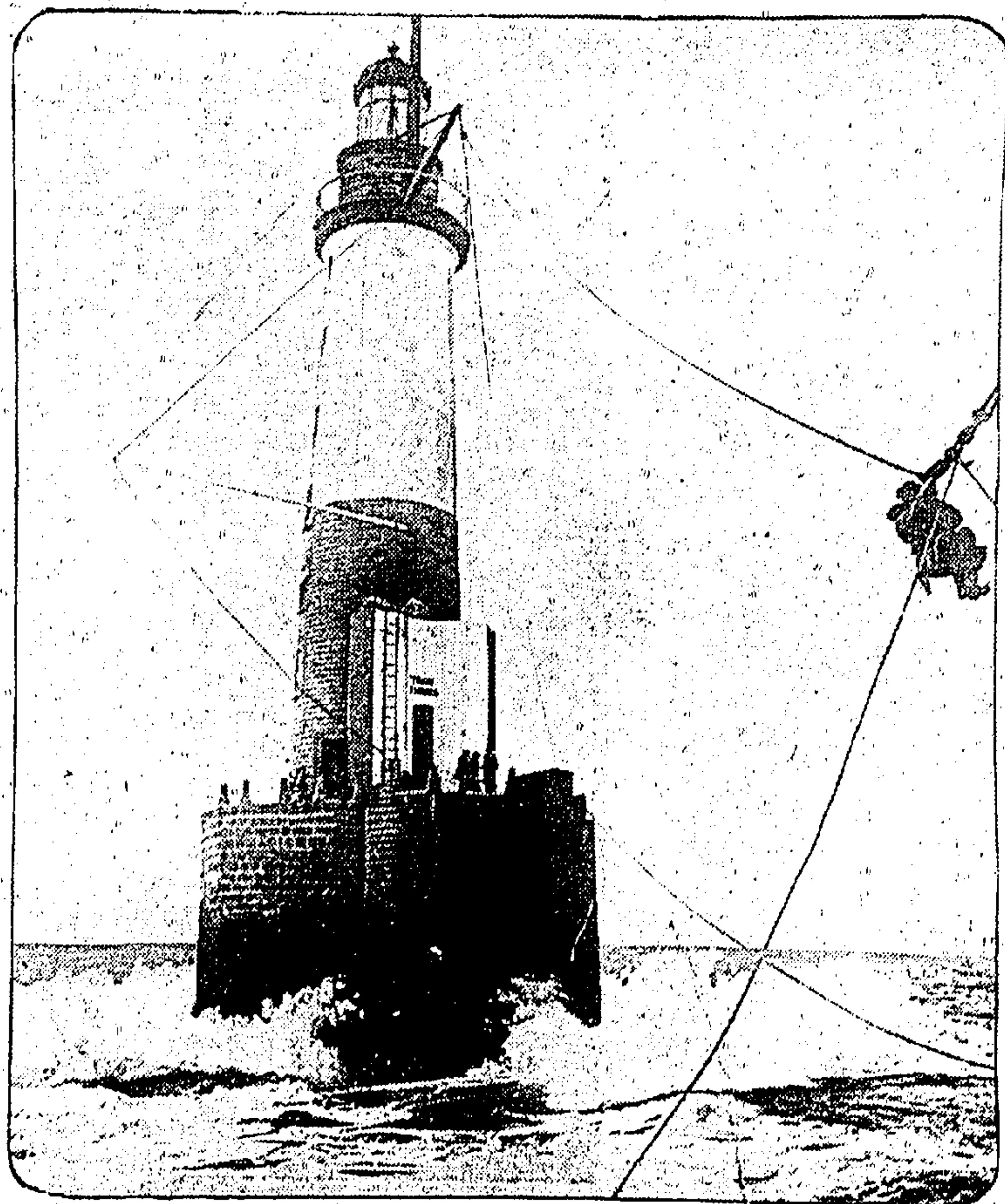


As the Westphalia's lifeboat (seen in foreground of picture) fights its way back through turbulent waters, the Alkaid wallows helplessly, ready for its last plunge.



Davy Jones' locker claims the hapless Alkaid from which more than a score of men have just been saved.

## To Safety After 53 Days of Suspense.



Guardians of the Armen lighthouse, near Ouessant, off the coast of France, ride a breeches buoy to safety after being isolated for 53 days by storms. Boats were unable to reach the light with supplies and a relief force.



Captain Carl Graafs (right) of the s.s. Westphalia and Captain Jenke Roos of the s.s. Alkaid, reaching New York, give each other a hearty hand clasp.

## Fatal Snowstorm.



In ruins of the collapsed North and Judd Manufacturing Co. foundry, New Britain, Connecticut, shown above, 20 persons were buried and eight lost their lives. Snow piled up on the roof of the building until it gave way.

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J. GIBBS & CO.,  
Hongkong, 16th March, 1926.

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

It is regretted that the State of the Race Course will not permit of its use for School Sports or Athletic Meetings.

R. J. PATERSON,  
Clerk of the Course,  
Hongkong, 12th March, 1926.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Wednesday 3rd March 1926, until Wednesday 17th March 1926, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 3rd April 1926 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables. Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday 20th Mar. 1926.

### INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.

### NOTICE.

An extraordinary General Meeting will be held on Friday, the 26th instant at 6 p.m. in the Reading Room of the Institution.

Objects as posted in the Hall of the Institution and circularised to Members.

P. T. FARRELL,  
Hon. Secretary.

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### HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual general MEETING of the Members of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Tuesday, 23rd March, 1926, at 5.15 p.m., to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order,

P. M. HODGSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 15, 1926.

### THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

The forty-second ordinary annual MEETING of shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, the 25th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 20th March, 1926, until Thursday, the 25th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 15, 1926.

### A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-first Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 19th day of March, to Monday, the 29th day of March, 1926, both days inclusive; during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 15th March, 1926.

### THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 26th March, 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1925.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, March 5, 1926.

### HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

### NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 24th day of March, 1926, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
S. COURTNEY COOK,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 8th March, 1926.

## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

### PUBLIC AUCTION

The Valuable Leasehold Property, Situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, and known as The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 708 together with the premises thereon now known as

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For further particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to:—

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Bank of China Building,

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or to

Messrs. LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers,

No. 5 Duddell Street.

Dated 24th February, 1926.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned, have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

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Old Iron.

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1 Lot Cooking Pots.

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6 Cases Tea.

5 Cases each containing 10 Gallon Tins Red Copper Paint.

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Double and Triple with Iron Sheaves.

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A Quantity of Old Iron Cables.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

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Hongkong, March 11, 1926.

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Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1926.

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

### PUBLIC AUCTION

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## LEAGUE CRISIS.

## YESTERDAY'S EVENTS.

London, March 15.  
"The whole of Europe rumbles  
with threats and counter-threats,"  
says the *Daily Express*. "This  
imbroglio is seething with suspi-  
cions, intrigues, bargains and de-  
ceits, like a tropical swamp festering  
with disease poison. It is the  
result of the vaunted Locarno  
method. Geneva's chance is to  
forget Locarno, and be Geneva."  
The *Times* says, "The heavens  
will not fall to-morrow, whatever  
the Assembly might do. The  
League is of great potential value,  
but nothing will be gained by  
exaggerating its present functions  
and powers, or assuming that the  
fate of the world depends entirely  
on this novel, hopeful experiment."  
—*Reuter*.

London, March 15.  
The situation at Geneva remains  
most sombre. No progress was re-  
gistered on Sunday. Towards  
the end of the day, how-  
ever, a certain amount of  
diplomatic activity was apparent,  
but no signs of anything to come  
therefrom.

Baron Ishii, meanwhile, is mak-  
ing a strong effect in the role of  
intermediary, reconciling the  
divergent views. The London  
press generally is restrained in its  
comments, all deploring the damage  
to the League through the events  
of the past days. The *Daily*  
*Telegraph* supports the German  
standpoint, especially its offer to  
agree to the appointment of a  
commission to report on the prob-  
lem of reconstitution of the  
Council in September. The paper  
says that this coincides with the  
steadily growing wish among  
many League members for reform.

The *Daily Chronicle* urges the  
delegates to retrace their steps  
and show that the Locarno Treaty  
is not "a scrap of paper."

Sir Austen Chamberlain con-  
tinues to be criticised in some  
quarters.—*Reuter*.

## Gloomy Atmosphere.

Geneva, March 15.  
The second week of the con-  
ference opens with a very gloomy  
position, and hoping against hope.  
The future is most uncertain.  
Nobody at nine this morning seem-  
ed to know whether there would  
be a meeting or not to-day, but at  
10.30 this morning the Council  
met in a secret, informal session.  
Even pressmen are tired of  
making forecasts, but those in  
touch with the Germans early in  
the morning attributed to Dr.  
Stresemann an expression of belief  
that the difficulty would be settled  
to-day, though Dr. Stresemann  
omitted to indicate in what  
quarter the change of attitude  
was likely to occur.—*Reuter*.

## Solution Possible.

Geneva, later.  
Dr. Stresemann informed the  
German pressmen that he has been  
officially informed Sweden has  
resigned her seat on the Council to  
leave room for Poland. He ex-  
plained the Swedish representa-  
tive, M. Unden, had been under a  
cross fire by both sides, and any-  
how since Sweden had been  
four years on the Council  
there should be a change.  
Dr. Stresemann added that  
Sweden's proposal should have  
been submitted to the Council  
yesterday, but at the request of  
Sweden was only brought up to-  
day. Dr. Stresemann declared  
that this made a difficult situation  
for Germany, and said there were  
still two possibilities, but he de-  
clined to enlarge thereon. He  
vehemently protested against  
the attack of the German National-  
ists, and said he would remain at  
Geneva until the last moment.

## HONGKONG TRADE.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
FORTNIGHTLY REPORT.

## Demand For Piece Goods.

The fortnightly Price Current  
and Market Report issued by the  
Hongkong General Chamber of  
Commerce, states:

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy  
Cotton Goods.—Interest reported  
in our last advices has continued,  
and in the interim a small mis-  
cellaneous business covering var-  
ious styles has been transacted  
for forward delivery. The aggre-  
gate, however, bears sorry com-  
parison with that of previous  
years, and is best classified as  
retail. Prices for both sorts of  
raw material have receded some-  
what since we last reported, Liver-  
pool quotations of 11th instant  
being:—Eg. Sakel. 16.05d Mid.  
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terval a very small business has  
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16s, \$185/190. No. 20s, \$195/200.

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nil. Sales 500 bales.

Unsold stocks 5,600 bales.

Bargains 4,300 bales.

Woolens.—Nothing to report.

Raw Cottons.—There is no  
change to report.

Metals.—Spot business stagnant,  
with few enquires forward.

Flour Market.—Report.—Stock:  
About 650,000 sacks. Market

Quotations: American Patent  
\$4.25 per sack; American Straight  
\$3.50 per sack; American Cut off  
\$3.45 per sack; Shanghai Flour  
\$3.35 per sack; Australian No. 1  
\$3.50 per sack; Canadian Cut-off  
\$2.95 per sack.

Sundries.—Local stocks plenti-  
ful.

## FRUIT FIRMS FINED.

RESULT OF SENSATIONAL  
CANADIAN COMBINE TRIAL.Jury Considers Verdict for  
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Vancouver, March 15.  
Eight fruit produce firms, repre-  
senting the Canadian organisation  
of a large United States produce  
company, with headquarters at  
Saint Paul, have been fined \$25,000  
each under the Canadian Anti-  
Combines Act. The jury considered  
their verdict for two days.

The case provided one of the  
most sensational and largest trials  
in the history of Western Canada.  
Eleven individuals and forty-two  
Western fruit produce firms were  
indicted. The organisation largely  
controlled the markets of the  
Western provinces.—*Reuter's*  
*American Service*.

At one this afternoon the Ger-  
man delegation modified its pre-  
vious statement, and declares that  
Sweden has not resigned, but of-  
fered to resign; and others may  
make a similar suggestion. Al-  
though these are not concrete pro-  
posals, it is thought a possible so-  
lution may be found, and the  
idea prove fruitful. French cir-  
cles declare the Germans are will-  
ing to consent to a solution, which  
would not mean any increase of  
the Council.—*Reuter*.

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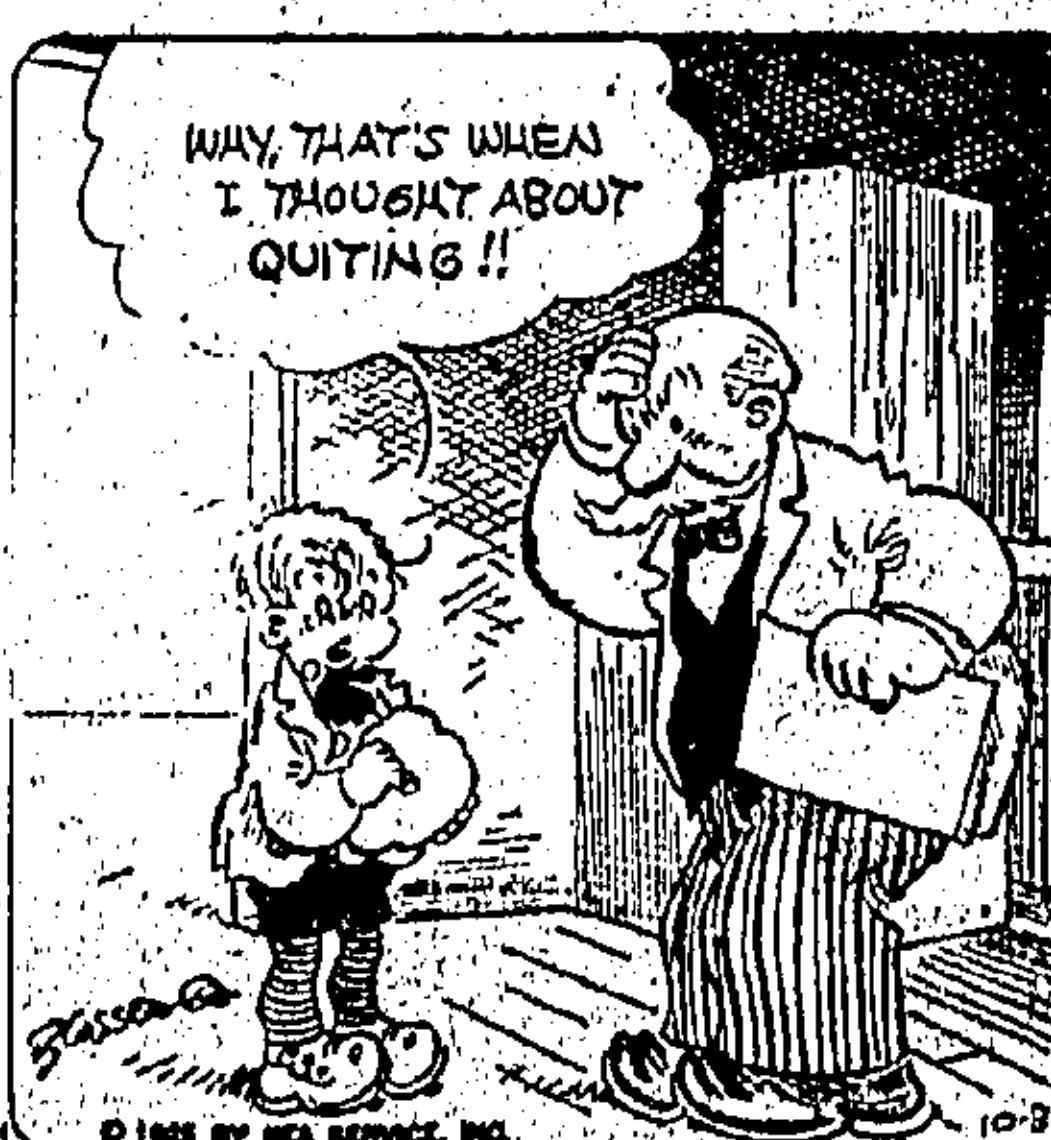


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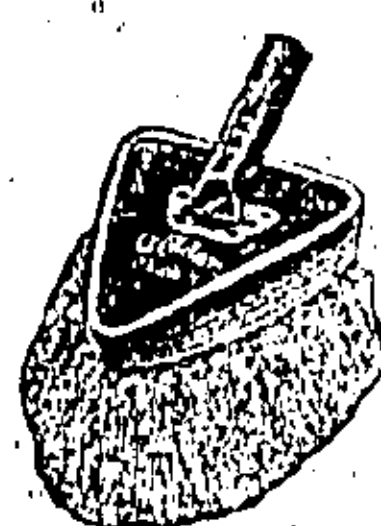
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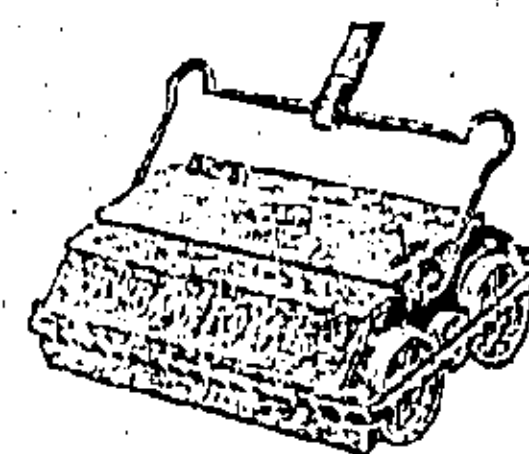
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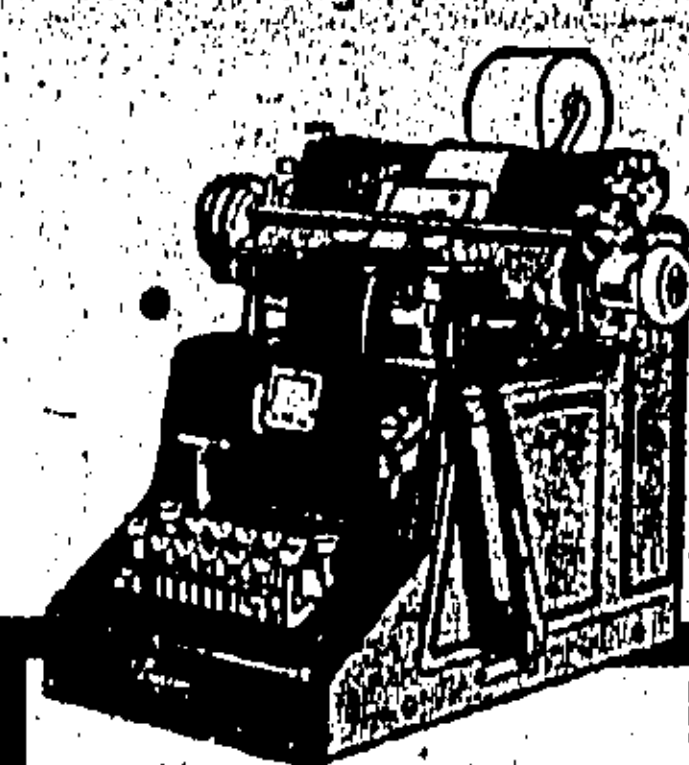


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**The Telegraph.**

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1926.

### LEAGUE'S REAL ISSUE.

The one great topic of international comment at the moment is the imperilled condition of the League of Nations now in session at Geneva, and there is no need for us to make excuse in referring to the matter once more editorially. So far as the progress of conciliatory movements is concerned, the latest telegrams tell their own story, and we propose, in this article, to deal with the question of the composition of the Council of the League as a matter of principle, apart altogether from what is, at the moment, happening at Geneva. It may have been asked by many, "Where is the danger of enlarging the Council of the League?" and why cannot there be an attitude of "the more, the merrier"? Of course, there is, first and foremost the obvious objection to an unwieldy Council, just as there is an objection to unwieldy Cabinets or unwieldy Committees, and it can be argued that the Council's functions are so important that it cannot afford to incur unnecessary handicaps to its technical efficiency.

But this is far from being all. It is contended by those who have the very best interests of the League at heart that if the proposal to admit Brazil, Spain and Poland to permanent seats on the Council were adopted, it would undermine the fundamental principle of the Council's composition: That principle is that two elements go to make up the Council: a permanent element, consisting of what are called the Great Powers, and a fluctuating element, consisting of smaller States elected by their peers. There are four present permanent members, these being France, Italy, Japan and Britain, and it has been generally understood from the very first that three other States, namely, the United States, Germany and Russia would be entitled to permanent seats if and when they become members of the League. The foregoing may be considered a somewhat arbitrary definition of what are the world's Great Powers, but it is, after all, a sensible and practical definition, with the sanction of history behind it. It indicates a clear, broad line which can be defended and

maintained. And if the League is going to admit to permanent membership of the Council such countries as Spain, Poland and Brazil, the problem is plunged into utter chaos and anomaly. Where is one to begin and end? If Brazil, why not Chile and the Argentine? If Spain and Poland, why not Jugo-Slavia and Czechoslovakia; and why not (more pertinently) such important European countries as Sweden and Holland? It can be seen at once that if the honour of having a permanent seat on the Council is not strictly confined to what have been known as the Great Powers, a vista of jealousy, intrigue and log-rolling is opened up, at the end of which lies the dissolution of the League.

It was an essential part of the understanding at Locarno that Germany should enter the League and receive the status of a Permanent Member of the Council—a status which is going to be something vastly different from what Germany thought if other than Great Powers are going to be given permanent seats for the sake of a "counterpoise." It is when one views the issue in that light that one sees the full significance of the German standpoint. There is little doubt but that Germany will be admitted to the League, but there is still a grave cloud hanging over the issue of her receiving a permanent seat on the Council. If only that cloud can be cleared—and there are many influences strenuously at work—it may yet be possible to effect the salvage of some of the Locarno hopes.

### Labour Tyranny.

The evil consequences of labour tyranny have seldom been more strikingly illustrated than in the incidents which have led to the closing down of the Canton Hospital. Having induced the Chinese workers in this American-controlled institution to go on strike because the management would not submit to Union control, the strike leaders caused water, light and food supplies to be cut off for three days until it eventually became impossible for the foreign staff to carry on. Apparently, it was nothing to the strike organization that, as the result of these terroristic methods, the lives of suffering patients of their own nationality should be placed in danger. They were prepared to wield the weapons of intimidation and dictation with an autocracy which contrasts strangely with their glib talk of freedom and liberty. So we have it on record that finally the inmates of the hospital were reduced to a diet of salt eggs, whilst the American staff carried on as best they could without light or water. There is yet another contrast provided by this affair—namely, that whilst the authorities are engaged in carrying out a health campaign which involves the vaccination of thousands of people, these professional trouble-makers do not hesitate to kill a work of mercy and healing which the subjects of a friendly nation seek to carry out amongst the Chinese. Incidentally, we are wondering what steps the Canton Government took to prevent the cutting off of the water and light supplies to the hospital. Surely, it has more control over the city's affairs than to permit a handful of labour extremists to cause the shutting down of an institution which has done such magnificent work for the masses of Canton.

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### SEIZURE OF NON-GOVERNMENT OPIUM.

A Chinese who came from Amoy was arrested on the Kwong Wing wharf on the 13th inst., when he was found to have in his possession 125 tins of non-Government prepared opium, valued at \$1,500. The opium was found concealed in the false bottom of a basket. The defendant said he was on his way to Annam. Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$10,000.

### DAY BY DAY.

FOR IT IS BETTER TO BE ALONE THAN IN BAD COMPANY.—George Washington.

The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is—N.E. winds, fresh, overcast, drizzle and mist.

The s.s. Japan left Singapore on the 13th instant, and is due here on the 20th.

The P. & O. s.s. Devanha, which left Singapore yesterday at 8 a.m., is due here at 6 a.m. on the 20th instant.

An amended notification states that the s.s. Kalyan left Singapore on the 12th instant at 4 p.m., and is due here at 8 a.m. on the 17th instant.

Two cases of rabies are notified by the Medical Officer of Health as having occurred in the 48 hours ended March 14th. In one case a Chinese was the victim, in the other a dog.

A Chinese male child has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from a dog bite. The animal belongs to a Chinese widow of 10, Sholley Street, and has been sent to Kennedy Town.

Suffering from a severe wound on the right side of the face, a Chinese male has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital. It is alleged that the wound was inflicted by a chopper, which was thrown at him by someone on an upper floor at 30, Possession Street. The wounded man lived on the ground floor.

Yesterday, the body of a Chinese constable was found at King's Park, Kowloon, death having apparently been due to a wound in the throat. The constable had been missing from Yaumati Police Station since Sunday night. At the moment, it is not known whether the case is one of murder or suicide.

When a Chinese female crawled into a sewer at Argyle Street, she was rescued by Station Officer Saunders, of the Kowloon Fire Station, and was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital. The woman had a wound on the right side of the head, apparently caused by her striking the brickwork inside the sewer. A message has been received from the hospital, that the woman had been under their observation before.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

### WANTED A COLEOPTERIST.

Sir,—There have been several references lately to the mosquito problem, and it may be of interest to draw attention to the possibilities of enlisting the services of water beetles in this connection. Some little time ago a tar boiler was noticed at the road side at Shek O which, having been out of use for a while, contained a quantity of water. As it was difficult to clear without a dipper it was left at the time, and visited a few days later, when mosquito larvae were expected, but instead, a number of water beetles were seen. These appeared to be of the Dytiscus type, with the characteristic yellow stripe on each side, but much smaller than the large Dytiscus found in Great Britain.

Here was a case where the ability of the beetle to fly had enabled it to get to water inaccessible to fish, and it seems not improbable that beetles play a considerable part in keeping down mosquito larvae in paddy fields and other places where small fish cannot live owing to the water draining off at intervals.

It would appear therefore that paddy fields and pools of fair extent are not so likely to contain quantities of water, often concealed in long grass and perhaps fed by springs, in which beetles cannot swim,—drainage being in such cases imperative and often only effective as a temporary measure.

Perhaps someone in the Colony may have studied the habits of local carnivorous water beetles, and if so, an article might be of considerable value.—Yours, etc., C. H. BLASON.  
Hongkong, March 16th, 1926.

### FORMERLY IN HONGKONG.

### DEATH OF PROFESSOR S. B. J. SKERTCHLY.

It is with much regret that we have to chronicle the death of Professor S. B. J. Skertchly, who will be remembered by some of the Colony's older residents as a former Hongkong man.

During his residence in the Colony, the deceased gentleman took an especially keen interest in geology and natural history, being an expert in both these branches of science. He was a particularly keen member of the Old Volumes Society, founded by Sir James Cantlie, to the members of which he often delivered lectures, acting also as a most informative guide at walks in the New Territories. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that he was the father of a former editor of the Hongkong Telegraph. On leaving Hongkong, he went to British North Borneo, where he remained for some years pursuing his researches, and later settled in Queensland, being first President of the Queensland Naturalists' Club and of the Royal Society of Queensland. His death took place, at the age of 76 years, at Nerang.

The late Professor was a writer of some note on the subjects to which he devoted the greater part of his life and among his friends he counted Darwin, Huxley, Swinburne, Russell Wallace, Oscar Wilde and G. A. Sala. He came of a Leicestershire family which traces itself back to the famous Guy, Earl of Warwick. The first step in his career as a geologist was a post with the Khedive of Egypt, after which he discovered evidences of human existence in the glacial era in East Anglia, his conclusions being supported later by the eminent Dr. Geikie.

### ITALIAN DEBT.

### BRITAIN GETS FIRST PAYMENT.

Rugby, March 15. The sum of £2,000,000, being the first half-yearly instalment of the Italian debt, under the funding agreement recently reached between Mr. Winston Churchill and Count Volpi, was paid to the account of the British Treasury to-day.—British Wireless.

## The Very Idea!

"The defendant gave her age as twenty-seven." What we want to know is, whether that is news or were the reporters inferring something?

Mr. Henry T. Finck advises the study of astronomy and long contemplation of the illimitable heavens for the cure of "the ludicrous egotism" of singers and other professional musicians. We can suggest an easier and less bothersome remedy. It would be a casual chat with the orchestra leader.

From a Californian paper:—Illustrating his lecture with stereopticon slides and motion pictures, Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, Gobi Desert explorer, recently showed an audience of 400 at the Long Beach Ebell Club just how he and members of his staff dug out dinosaur eggs 10,000,000,000 years ago.

We're not going to worry overmuch until the flapper gets to be at least half as bad as she paints herself.

Insomnia is a serious thing, especially when one's wife is afflicted.

"Do not smoke or drink, but have plenty of wives."

That is the longevity receipt of Karo Agha, the oldest man in Turkey who, with health and happiness, is now enjoying his 160th year. He ascribes his long life to his polygamous practice from early manhood.

Defenders of polygamy, resisting the influence of the modern school which is trying to initiate western ways in Turkey, are now exploiting a Turkish father who has been it and departed.

### BOOTLEGGING CONSPIRACY.

### A SENSATIONAL INDICTMENT.

New York, March 15. A message from Cleveland, Ohio, says the millionaires, manufacturers, real estate men, and also Government employees in twelve cities are involved in a 40,000 word indictment, naming 112 persons in an alleged bootlegging conspiracy, which has been returned by a Federal Grand Jury. The indictment alleges that the conspiracy was originated by four Philadelphia bootleggers, who had headquarters at Cleveland and created an organization for the concentration and distribution of a contraband supply of pure grain alcohol. The operations are alleged to cover a period of three years.—Reuter's American Service.

### ENFORCEMENT.

In connection with the above the following interesting telegram from the United Press agency appeared in the Manila Bulletin. Washington, March 6.—General Lincoln Andrews, Chief of the special prohibition enforcement campaign, to-day told the House Ways and Means Committee that it would cost the nation around \$25,000,000 to maintain prohibition enforcement during 1926 as it is being conducted at present. He said that he would not venture a guess as to how much it would cost to bring about complete enforcement without the aid of state appropriations of the same purpose.

The House Ways and Means Committee began consideration yesterday of the bill, sponsored by Secretary Mellon, which creates a Department for the enforcement of prohibition entirely separate from the Treasury Department. This would be an enforcement bureau centralizing the entire authority and responsibility in the hands of one man.

General Andrews' friends, are urging him to step up and resign, following what is generally looked upon as a rebuff by Secretary Mellon. Without mincing words, Mellon, several days ago spurned Andrews' scheme for a Presidential commission to investigate the status of prohibition.]

A mass meeting of Messrs. Hoe's workers decided not to accept the decision of the National Committee of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, and declined to resume work.—Reuter.

A good story of a Hongkong kiddie who was taken to church at home whilst his parents were on leave is going the rounds. It so happened that it was a Communion service to which the little lad was taken by his mother. Naturally, the nice white tablecloth, the bread and the wine attracted the youngster's attention, and, unable to suppress his curiosity any longer, during prayer he whispered somewhat loudly in his mother's ear:—"Are we going to stop to tiffin, mummy?"

The blunt, outspoken chap is rarely as popular as the one who is a little economical with the truth.

The absent-minded dentist who was working, quite alert, upon his car applied a wrench. And said, "Now this won't hurt."

Our sympathy goes out to the man whose wife refused to talk loud enough to produce an echo for fear it would have the last word.

When a recent conference of the National Union of Railwaymen broke up, the delegates sang "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Red Flag."

From a story:—"She held out her hand and the young man took it and departed."



## PRINCE INSPECTS ROYAL GUARD OF HONOUR.



His Royal Highness Prince George, accompanied by His Excellency the Governor, is here seen inspecting the Royal Guard of Honour, composed of the Scottish Company of the Volunteer Defence Corps, on the occasion of the Investiture at Government House on Saturday. (Photo: Mee Cheung.)

## KWANGSI GENERAL IN CANTON.

## ARRANGING FOR NORTHERN CAMPAIGN.

## A WARM WELCOME.

News is to hand of the arrival in Canton of General Wong Shih-hung, who, in deference to the wishes of General Li Chai-sum, has made the trip thither from Nanning via Wuchow. General Wong was accompanied by his wife and daughter as well as several staff officers, and on the way he was provided with two regiments of the 3rd Army Corps for purposes of protection.

The party landed at the Government wharf at Canton on Saturday last and were met by many high military and civil officials, the landing-stage being gaily decorated and a military band and guard of honour being in attendance.

After the customary exchange of courtesies, the party motored to Government House, where a reception was held in honour of General Wong and his staff. It is stated that General Wong had intimated beforehand that he did not wish to make his temporary quarters in a hotel, because, on his previous visit to Canton, at the invitation of General Hsu Sung-chi, he stopped at the Oriental Hotel where an attempt at assassination was made on him, which resulted in killing three of his bodyguards, whilst he himself escaped through the roof. Accordingly, General Wong and his party were conducted, after the reception, to the Kwangsi Guild, where they will stop during their short sojourn.

It is said that as Kwangsi has now proved her loyalty to the Canton Government by assisting General Tang Sung-che to force the abdication of General Chao Heng-teh, and to enter Changsha as acting civil-governor of Hunan, General Wong's mission to Canton, is to see that the Government carries out its part of the compact in the next move of the Northern campaign.

From a reliable source it is learned that General Pak Shing-he, the Chief of the General Staff of the Kwangsi Army, and Chan Ming-shu, who recently arrived from the southern front, have been ordered to proceed to Hunan with the least possible delay. It is further reported that a part of the 3rd Army Corps has crossed the Hunan border and is marching to Hengchowfu, which, it is said, is ready to receive General Tan Yan-kai with open arms.

Another report states that Monz Yan-che, an adherent of Luk Wing-tong, who had given much trouble in Kwangsi, has been captured by General Lau Yat-look, and sent to Nanning under heavy armed escort. It is said that he, with six other of his adherents, have been ordered to be shot.

## OLD CLAIMS.

## WHEN AMERICA WAS NEUTRAL.

Washington, March 15. Senator Borah introduced a resolution in the Senate requesting the State Department to report what steps had been taken towards the negotiation of American claims against Britain and France in connection with the violation of the rights of neutrals prior to the American entry into the war. The resolution was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee, of which Senator Borah is the Chairman.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## THEFT FROM GOLF CLUB.

## LADY'S WRIST WATCH STOLEN.

The loss of a wrist watch belonging to Miss Dorothy Jane Tassell, of Mount Davis, from Deep Water Bay Golf Club House, resulted in a Chinese, employed at the Club, being charged with the theft, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The owner of the watch said that she went to the Club House on March 12th to play a game of golf, and left the watch in a bag in the ladies' dressing room. When she returned after the game, she could not find the watch.

Serjt. F. James said a detective visited the defendant, as the result of information received, and he admitted he had a wrist watch which he had given to his mother to keep for him.

The defendant's mother was called to give evidence. She said her son brought the watch to her and informed her that he had bought it. The defendant explained that he found the watch in a gutter under a bridge.

Mr. Lindsell asked him, why, if he found the watch under a bridge, he told his mother he had bought it. The defendant replied that he was afraid of being beaten by his mother if he told her he had picked it up.

Serjt. James remarked that since the defendant had been employed at the Club House, complaints had been received from Col. Matthews, regarding thefts of money. The defendant was sent to prison for four months with hard labour.

## SINGAPORE BASE.

## EFFECT ON LABOUR MARKET.

London, March 15.

In the House of Commons, answering questions, Mr. Amery said that he had received representations to the effect that the demands for labour for the Naval Base at Singapore was depleting the supply for rubber plantations, but the Governor had assured him that the total requirements of the Naval Base were insufficient to have any marked effect on the labour situation of Malaya. The Government of Malaya was closely watching the situation with the local representative of the Admiralty.—*Reuter.*

## ANOTHER SHANGHAI STRIKE.

## ALL OVER A TRIFLE.

The Tao Jute Factory, Robison Road, Shanghai, provides (says the N. C. Daily News) an instance of how small a matter now can provoke a strike, sections of workmen apparently being quite prepared to walk out even though all their comrades in the same mill will not join them.

On Tuesday, 565 men, comprising the night shift at the factory, went on strike on some small matter of principle which soon was adjusted and they returned to work at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday. Something still rankled, however, for at 11.30 the same night they again walked out, claiming that they must have full pay for the time they were on strike. It is understood the management already had paid them something.

When the first strike occurred, the day shift of 701 men also ceased work in sympathy with the night hands, but they have so far refused to join in this second strike.

## BOUND OVER.

## SAD CASE OF DOROTHEA BRENTNALL.

Dorothea Brentnall, convicted in H. M. Police Court Shanghai, on Wednesday on charges of fraud, was brought before the Magistrate, Mr. G. W. King, on Thursday, for sentence. Asked if there was anything she would like to say before sentence was passed, she answered:—"I am not guilty. That is all."

The Magistrate—But I have already decided against you on that. Is there anything else.

Defendant—If I am to be sentenced, I should like to be deported. Where to?—To England.

But do you know anybody there?—No, but I can always work.

The Magistrate—Before any sentence is passed it is customary, and perhaps proper, to review the antecedents. I have looked up your history, made inquiries and verified your statements. It seems to me that life has been hard to you and you possibly never had a really fair chance. It is clear that your childhood associations were not conducive to a child's happiness. Then you were married at the early age of 16 or 17 to a man whom you had seen for only a few months, and he left you. You had a child and not many years later you had two more children. In your very early twenties you were the mother of three children, with nobody to support you.

Up to that time, most people will agree that life had dealt very hardly with you. You then went to Hongkong and made an effort to run straight and support those children. There again you were unfortunate and associated with another man, to whom you are now married, and that husband has been no use to you. You go to Japan and there he gets into trouble and so do you.

Right through your life, with an unfortunate start, it was hopeless for you to have any chance in life. I do not say that it was your natural disposition to go wrong, but your associations have given you very little chance. It is difficult to know how to deal with you. Yours is a case in which I think prison would be of no use at all. I cannot see that it would do you any good. I will give you one more chance. You will sign a recognizance to be of good behaviour and you will be bound over to come up for sentence at any time within one year.

The defendant throughout the case had remained very calm, closely following all the evidence and telling her own story with the greatest assurance. Whilst the Magistrate was speaking she broke down and when he gave his decision she could only say, "Thank you" through a flood of tears.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, March 15.

To-day's exchange rates are as follow:

Paris	135
Brussels	117½
Amsterdam	12.15½
Berlin	20.25
Copenhagen	18.49
Vienna	34.50
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	22½
Buenos Aires	44½
Shanghai	3/0½
Yokohama	17/10½
New York	48.61/16
Geneva	25.25
Milan	121½
Stockholm	18.13
Oslo	22.25½
Prague	164
Madrid	34.49
Rio	7.8/15
Bombay	1/6½
Hongkong	2/8½
Silver (spot)	50½
Silver (forward)	30½

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London, March 15.

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## TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2s.3s.16d.  
Lighting-up ..... 6.26 p.m.  
Temperature (2 p.m.) 59  
Barometer (2 p.m.) 30.02  
Humidity (2 p.m.) 96

## SHIPPING NEWS.

At noon, the following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong: Paul Leant, Porthos, Aki Maru, Kalyan, Kidderpore, President Monroe, Iyo Maru, Protoslaus, Khiva, Kitano Maru, Pawlet, Fulda, Laconia, Tjileboet, Sarvistan, Franconia, Kashmir, Fooksang, Lahore, Kojun Maru, Delta, Keiyo Maru, President Garfield.

A wedding dress that was said to be too short evoked from Judge Sir Alfred Tobin some terse comments on fashion at Westminster County Court. A New Bond-street firm was suing for payment of the garment. "Do grown-up married women wear their dresses above the knee?" Sir Alfred asked a woman witness. "Yes, if they are slim," was the reply. Judge: Do you mean to say one's grandmother would wear such a short skirt? What ridiculous nonsense! The case was adjourned.

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75	A-617 S.H.			\$ 80.00	6
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### STRIKE THREAT.

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(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, March 15.  
The postal authorities are striv-  
ing to avert a strike of eight hun-  
dred deliverers and clerks, follow-  
ing the presentation of an ultima-  
tum threatening to walk out at  
ten o'clock to-morrow morning,  
unless their demands for wage  
increases and shorter hours be  
granted.

### DEATH IN PRISON.

HEART FAILURE FOLLOWS  
CONSUMPTION.

The death of a prisoner in Vic-  
toria Gaol formed the subject of  
an inquiry conducted by Major C.  
Whitson at the Central Magistracy  
yesterday.

The man, who was 22 years of  
age, was committed to prison last  
September to serve a term of  
twelve months for embezzlement.  
He was formerly a member of the  
Hongkong Police Force. He was  
found to be suffering from pul-  
monary tuberculosis, and his  
condition gradually grew worse,  
and he died in the prison hospital  
on Sunday.

A verdict of death from heart  
failure following consumption was  
returned.

### TAKU AFFAIR.

JAPAN HOLDS HER HAND.

Tokyo, March 15.  
The Cabinet has postponed its  
decision regarding the demands by  
China over the Taku incident,  
owing to a desire to await the  
Chinese reaction to the allied  
Note.

It is understood the Cabinet has  
agreed to friendly, independent  
action towards China, holding all  
China not responsible but asking  
for the punishment of the guilty  
Chinese who fired on the destroy-  
ers; also adequate remuneration  
for the wounded, and a pledge that  
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### CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong  
Telegraph.]

#### Cinema Complaint.

"Sir,—I have been a picture fan"  
now for many years, and very  
rarely miss seeing any of the pictures  
shown at the Queen's and Star  
Theatres every week. I take it  
that I am not more exacting than  
the ordinary intelligent picture-  
goer, but I must say that the manage-  
ment have colossal nerve to foist  
on a long suffering public such a  
"dud" picture as "The Fatal  
Hour" shown at the Star Theatre  
yesterday. In a long and varied  
experience of cinema pictures, good,  
bad, and indifferent, I have never  
seen anything so poor as "The  
Fatal Hour." Not only is it old  
(my wife who was with me dates  
the dresses worn by the ladies in  
the cast as of the 1915-16 vintage)  
but the scenes, episodes and charac-  
terizations are ludicrous in the  
extreme, and an insult to the intel-  
ligence of a Kindergarten class.  
Now that The Hongkong Amuse-  
ments Ltd. have a virtual monopoly  
of the picture theatres in the  
Colony, they must recognize the  
fact that they have a responsibility  
to the public. I can quite under-  
stand that they cannot always show  
pictures as excellent as "Where was  
I?" which I thought the "best  
picture I had ever seen, and which  
I trust they will see their way to  
show again, but I do think they  
ought to draw the line at such as  
"The Fatal Hour."—Yours etc.  
FORBES FRASER.  
Hongkong, March 16, 1932.

### SEASIDE PLANTS.

LECTURE AT HELENA MAY  
INSTITUTE.

#### Botanical Beachcombers.

Mr. A. H. Crook, the headmaster  
of Queen's College, delivered a  
lecture on "Local Sea-side Plants"  
at the Helena May Institute last  
night. There was a comparatively  
small attendance, but the lecture  
proved interesting even to those  
who have never made any study of  
botany.

The lecturer gave his audience  
an opportunity of inspecting speci-  
mens of many plants to be found  
on the coast, and these helped in  
a small way to illustrate his re-  
marks on their peculiarities.

He said he did not think that as  
a general rule plants found on the  
sea coast were those which had  
succeeded in picking out the best  
position on the earth's surface.  
The soil was poor in some cases,  
and the number of animals and  
insects which pollinated these  
plants small.

Such plants might be called the  
wasters and beachcombers of the  
plant kingdom. Just in the way  
some persons flourished in White-  
chapel and Soho, whom one did not  
expect to see in Park Lane, so the  
sea plants stood in relation to other  
members of the vegetable kingdom.

Mr. Crook described a large num-  
ber of plants to be found in and  
around Hongkong, and gave details  
of their characteristics.

Mr. S. B. B. McElderry presided,  
and a cordial vote of thanks was  
accorded to the lecturer at the  
close.

### H. I. J. M. S. KASUGA.

JAPANESE CRUISER WITH A  
HISTORY ARRIVES.

#### A Lucky Crew.

The Japanese cruiser Kasuga  
arrived from Shanghai and Ma-  
kong yesterday morning and fired  
the usual salutes to the country  
and flag officers. She is a vessel  
of 7,700 tons, commanded by Cap-  
tain Ota with a crew of 700.

The Kasuga is an old vessel,  
having been built in Italian yards  
in 1903, for the Chilean Navy.  
She was not quite completed when  
the Russo-Japanese War broke  
out and Japan bought her and an-  
other vessel also completing,  
while still on the stocks. She  
was taken out to Japan by a  
specially recruited crew of Bri-  
tishers, sailing from Genoa under  
sealed orders.

Both vessels reached Japan  
safely and the crews were leted  
for many days, and each member  
invested with the Order of the  
Rising Sun (5th Class) while the  
married men were presented with  
brooches and a monetary gift for  
their wives, which is stated to  
have amounted to a postal order for  
18. 6d.

Both vessels took an active part  
in the Russo-Japanese War and  
were present at the bombardment  
and subsequent capitulation of  
Port Arthur.

Now obsolete, the Kasuga is  
employed as a cruising training  
ship and is here on her yearly  
routine trip. She sails hence on  
March 18.

### RAILWAY DISASTER.

TERRIBLE CASUALTY  
LIST.

#### Huge Death Roll.

Boston, March 15.  
According to advices from the  
railway owners, 178 persons were  
killed and 75 injured in the derail-  
ment of an excursion train, near  
San Jose, Costa Rica.

Three coaches left the rails and  
plunged fifty feet down an embank-  
ment into a river.—Reuter's Ameri-  
can Service.

### PITMAN'S SHORTHAND.

ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

The results of an examination in  
Pitman's shorthand, held in the  
Convent in December last, are as  
follow:

Speed 100 Words.—Misses  
Bernice Chenalloy, Olga King,  
Celeste Ozorio, Estalita Xavier,  
Jeany Rosario and Benedicla  
Xavier.

80 Words.—Misses May Gaubert  
and Winifred Littleton.

60 Words.—Misses Kimy  
Barretto, Cissy Noronha, Celestina  
Xavier, Mrs. N. Howe, Albertina  
Garcia, Mercedes Ribeiro, Carolina  
Ribeiro and Remigia Elarte.

Elementary.—Misses Nancy Mc-  
Ewen, Kathleen McEwen, Mary  
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"HECTOR" 14th July. Singapore, Marseilles & London  
"SARFEDON" 5th Sept. Singapore, Marseilles & London

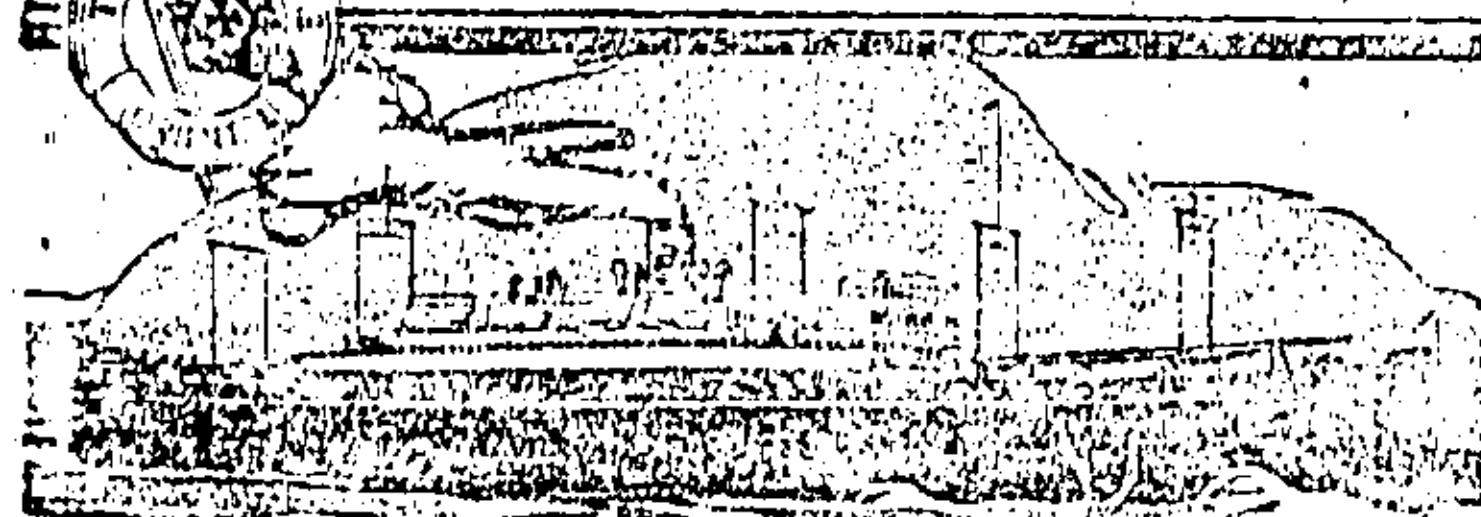
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EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	Jun. 3	Jun. 5	Jun. 14
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### DISASTROUS WAREHOUSE BLAZE.

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Two firemen were killed and 15 injured through the collapse of a roof.—*Reuter.*

## FRENCH REVENUES.

### A BETTER SHOWING.

Paris, March 15.  
The revenue returns for February totalled 2,279 million francs against 1,952 million the same month last year.—*Havas.*

## BELGIAN FLIGHT.

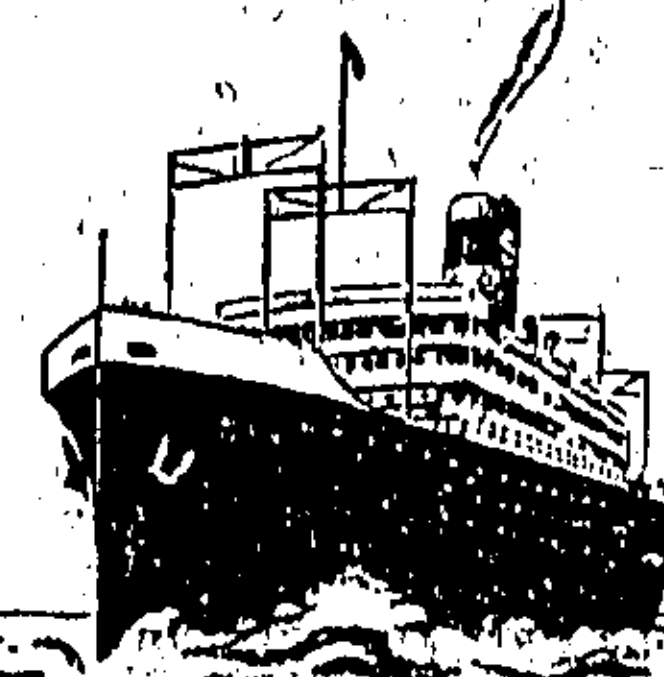
### AIRMAN IN EGYPT.

Cairo, March 15.  
The Belgian airman Medaets, who is attempting to fly to the Congo, has departed for Assuan.—*Reuter.*

London, Mar. 2.—Trebitsch Lincoln, notorious wartime spy, is reported to be racing across the channel in an effort to arrive here before the execution of his son, John Lincoln, under death sentence for murder. Trebitsch Lincoln, became internationally famous during the war when he was expelled from England as a spy. A special permit has been obtained enabling him to go to England for one day to see his son. The latter was implicated in a recent robbery, accompanied by violence and murder.

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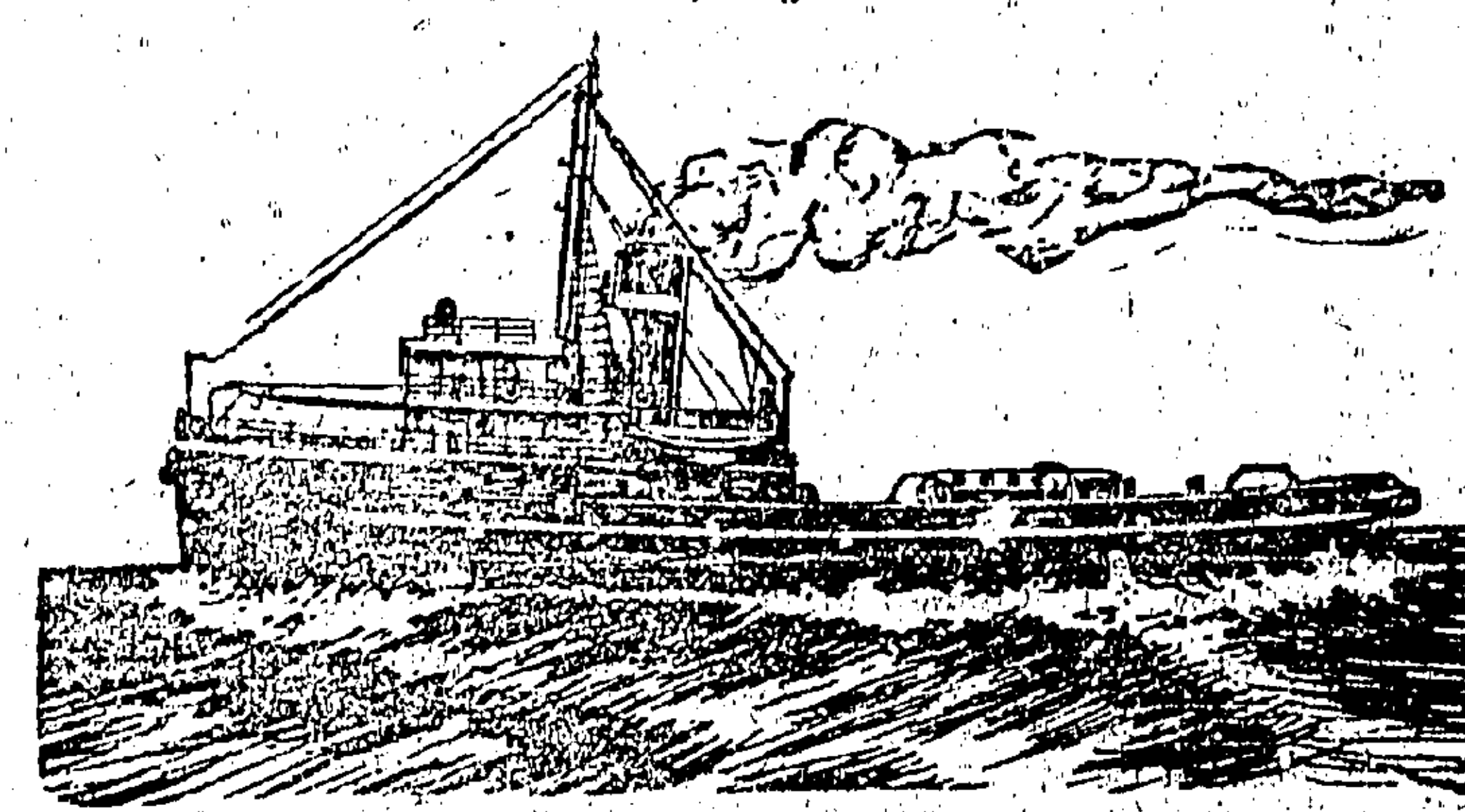
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LAHORE	5,252	11th April	S'pore & B'bay
DELTA	8,097	15th April	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
DEVANHA	8,155	17th April	M'sel, L'don & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	21st April	M'sel, L'don & Antwerp
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DELTA	8,097	22 Mar. 6 a.m.	S'hai & Kobe
JAPAN	6,052	22nd March	Yoko, Kobe & Osaka
TILAWA	10,000	26th March	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MAEDONIA	11,089	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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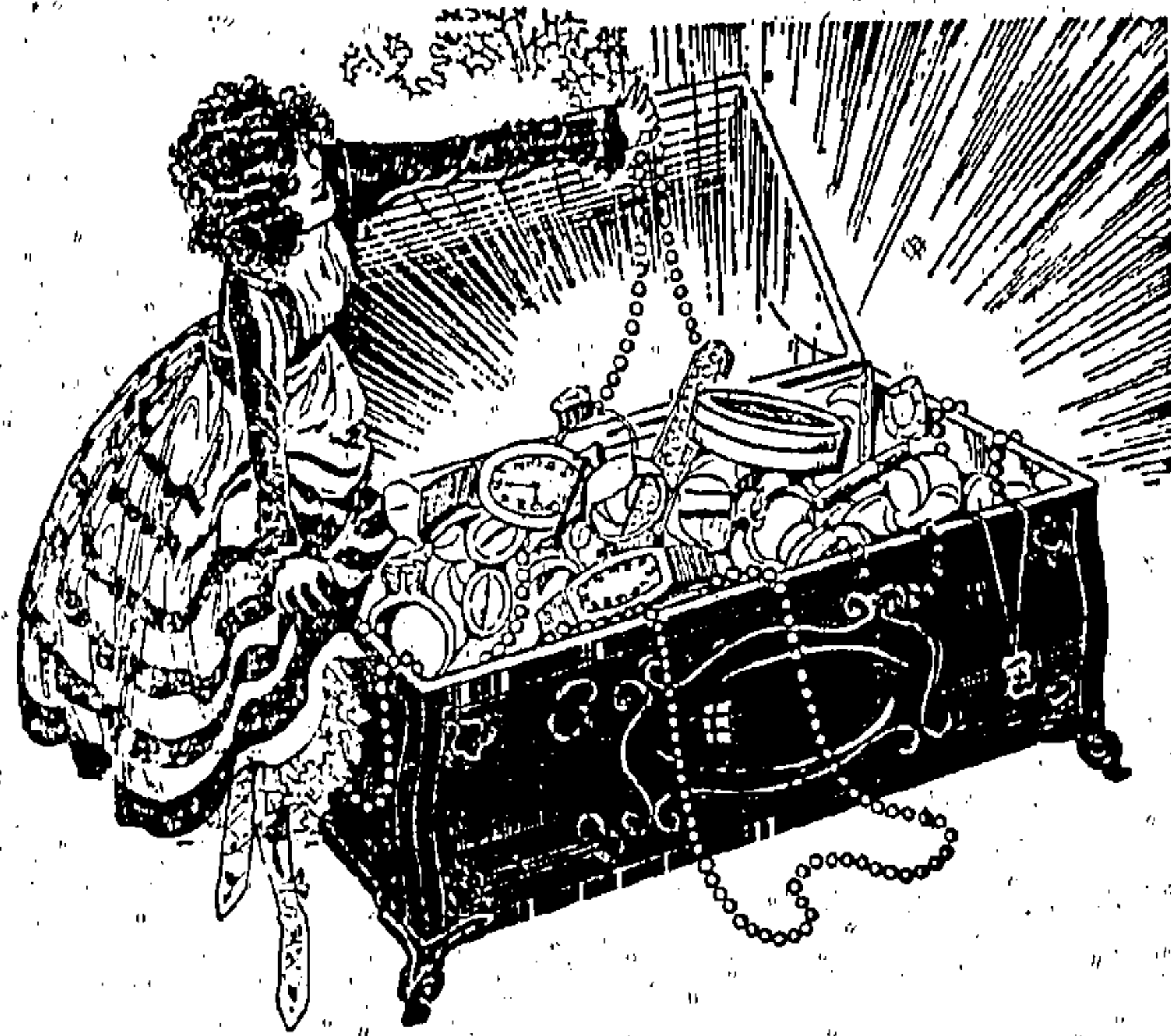
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## ARMY ESTIMATES.

### PROMOTION OF OFFICERS QUESTION.

Rugby, March 15.  
In introducing the Army Estimates for 1926-7 in the House of Commons, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Secretary for War, said that it had not been easy to secure the reduction of £2,000,000 which the Estimates showed, as compared with the current year. The total net amount he was asking for, was £12,500,000, as compared with £14,500,000 in the current year. He pointed out that in 1921, army expenditure was £33,000,000 or twice the amount of the Estimates now submitted. Even of the £12,500,000 which he asked for, only £3,000,000 would go to retired pay and pensions.

The Minister said that the manœuvres of last Autumn had taught them important lessons in regard to the use of mechanical vehicles. It was shown that the necessary mobility could not be achieved if horse transport accompanied mechanically moved troops. Until, however, a satisfactory type of machine could be evolved, which also had commercial possibilities, the cost of mechanising large forces would prove prohibitive. Research and experiment were being continued with a view to evolving something which could be of general use, as well as of military use, and which commercial users would stock so that it would be available in large numbers in case of need. The extent, therefore, to which a field army could be mechanised still remained in doubt. It had been decided to approach the problem step by step. In the first instance, they would form a small mechanical force of all arms, for experimental purposes, and they would not attempt any large production of mechanical vehicles until they were certain that they had evolved the required type. They were, he was advised, already ahead of other nations in mechanisation and there was, therefore, no justification for uneconomical haste.

Dealing with the promotion of officers, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans said that the Army Council were unanimously of opinion that no change in the present system of normal promotion from Second-Lieutenant to Major was either necessary or desirable and that nothing should be done which would in any way impair the greatest asset which the British Army possessed, namely, regimental esprit de corps. The Army Council had, however, decided that in the Junior ranks, officers of marked ability should receive accelerated promotion. Promotion above the rank of Major would now be by rigid selection, increasing in severity as the higher ranks were reached. Above the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, selection would become still more drastic. It was hoped that by this means any officer of outstanding and proved merit would get his chance to reach the highest rank in the service.—*British Wire-*

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## HOURS OF LABOUR.

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OPENED.

London, March 15.  
Mr. Stanley Baldwin, at the Ministry of Labour, has opened the International Conference, convened by the British Government, to consider the possibility of an international agreement for regulating hours of labour. Britain, France, Belgium, Germany and Italy are represented.—*Reuter.*

### THE PREMIER'S WELCOME.

Rugby, March 15.  
In his address of welcome to the delegates to the International Conference on hours of labour Mr. Baldwin, the Premier, said:—"We are all of us advanced countries and we enjoy the benefits of a high degree of social progress. Uniformity among ourselves may have far reaching consequences to the civilisation of the whole of Europe. There are people who say that international labour regulations may be of more benefit to one country than to another. That is not so. There can be no question in Europe of any country attaining prosperity at the expense of another country. Each one of us can prosper best and can make the greatest progress in material well-being, when prosperity is the common property of all countries and when progress can be made by advancing together."—*Reuter.*

### PAKHOI EVENTS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

pective Governments. On the big gate of the American Pentecostal Holiness Mission someone wrote in big Chinese characters:—"The Christian Church is Imperialistic," "Destroy the Christian Church," and "The Christian Religion is a Superstition." However, the Christian schools have reopened as usual, but with a decreased attendance. Christian services are not so far molested but St. Luke Church of the English Mission has been "borrowed" several times by the Agitation Committee for the purpose of preaching the political doctrines of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. The anti-British feeling is very strong. The walls of the town are full of anti-British posters of every description, blaming the English for most of China's troubles. However so far, to the writer's knowledge, no Britisher has been molested. Only one missionary is left in the English Mission in Pakhoi, namely Miss Dunk.

Many rumours reach us of severe fighting in Kwangsi and troops have been rushed up to the border from here and also from both Liemchow and Yamchow. It is said that Tong Kai-ye is making progress and that the Reds have been defeated, but so far no confirmation of this has reached us. We also hear that Wuchow has been taken by the anti-Red force, but this also is without confirmation. There is a good deal of apprehension locally and many think that a change is imminent, or at least more fighting.

### FRANC RATES.

#### SLUMP IN BELGIAN RATE.

London, March 15.  
The French and Belgian francs in London to-day closed respectively at 134.75 and 110. The Belgian francs had previously slumped to 121.50 after being steady at about 107 for a year. The market was puzzled at the cessation of Belgian Government support as the result of a hitch in the negotiations for London and New York advance of credits to Belgium.—*Reuter.*

#### BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ACTS.

Brussels, March 15.  
Le Soir says that the Minister of Finance declares that the Banks have fully assented to the measures to meet the situation and that from to-morrow the exchange will be properly supported by measures contemplated to prevent speculation and to control exchanges, and will be reinforced. The Minister has made a statement to the Cabinet regarding the negotiations with London bankers, who are demanding control over the Belgian railways in connection with the desired loan, according to a newspaper report from Paris.—*Reuter.*

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